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\*SOURCE Well-placed Egyptian officials in Cairo, who were said to have received the information "on excellent authority."

1. Agents of the Grand Mufti, Hajj Amin Husayni, have been in touch with Colonel 'Abdullah Tel, commander of the Arab Legion forces in Jerusalem, and have persuaded him to desert with all of his forces and supplies, and either to join his forces with those of the Egyptian Army, or to begin independent operations against Israel.
2. Source states that, as soon as Tel has made arrangements for the provision of funds to pay his men (there is no indication of how he will do this), he will renounce allegiance to King 'Abdullah and assert his independence of action.

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